

**CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.**  
—The giraffe will soon die out in Afr

—This season.

—The mooring built hates-the red color of the mud as much as the bull.

—There were 400 head of bison at Yellowstone Park in Wyoming.

—In Saxony about 70 per cent of the w... of the Ingmen earn less than \$100 a year.

—Queen Victoria's new dining room... cost \$109,000, and she paid for it herself.

—A safe containing 91,000 logs has been brought to Saginaw from the Georgian Bay country.

—The youngest man in the new House... Commons, England, is 22 years old and is older than his father.

—A man in Bavaria only needs to see a play twice in order to be able to repeat it verbatim.

- It is estimated that nearly 20,000 pounds of bread are daily eaten in the Sultan's household.
- Japan is shaken 500 times a year by earthquakes and has 700 stations erected to observe volcanic shocks.
- One thousand francs was recently paid for the broken wooden horse with which Napoleon played as a child.
- There are now 3,538 journals and magazines printed in Germany, with 189,171 there were only 3,443.
- Nikel-3 cent pieces of 1877 are worth 75 cents each, while those of 1878, 1882, and 1886 are worth 5 cents each.
- London's six principal railway lines

—According to the census the Methodist Episcopal Church had 2,229,281 communicants in 1890, as against 1,707,000 in 1885.

—French florists are cultivating a plant which bears a flower that is white in the morning, red at noon and blue at night.

—When the Turk goes to his mosque worship he keeps his hat on, as he thinks unbecomingly familiar with the divinity remove it.

—About 250,000 canary birds are raised in Germany every year, and of these about 100,000 come to the United States and 50,000 to England.

—Several autographic letters of Luther Melancthon have been discovered in the library of an obscure town in the Prussian province of Saxony.

—A French prince advertises that he desires to sell his title and arms, "the whole guaranteed by authentic parchments of the reign of Henry IV."

It is stated on a Russian post that

—It is stated as a curious fact that scorpions are more prevalent in warm than in cold weather. Extreme heat breeds both malarial fever and cholera.

—An eel that is ordinary in all respects except that it has a skin of a "beautiful golden color," has been added to the collection in the London Zoological garden.

—The definition of "A Friend" that took the prize in a late contest conducted by the London Journal was: "The first person who comes to the aid of the writer when he is in need."

—The largest book ever known is owned by Queen Victoria. It is 18 inches thick, weighs 6 pounds, and contains the addresses of congratulation on the occasion of her jubilee.

—Colorado expects to show a surplus of

—There is, perhaps, no more curious place on the Pacific seaboard than Iquique which was bombed by the Chilean fleet last year. It stands in a region where rain has never been known to fall.

—That was a shrewd sort of girl at Reading who, when her dearly beloved father climbed the golden stairs, sent in a bill the executors charring for the time as trouble she had in nursing him.

—The world-famous grapevine at Hampton Court the largest in England and

—Half eagles of 1875, 1876, 1798 and 1835 could be found from \$15 to \$25 each. Quarter eagles of gold issued in 1796, 1797 and 1835 are the most common and are found in the State of California commanding a premium of from \$10 to \$15.

—The total number of lunatics in England and Wales increased by 1,700 a year from 1860 to 1870, and in France by 1,000 or five out of every 10,000 people in the country enter an asylum as inmates during the same period.

—One of the few women who were privileged to call Mr. Gladstone "William" did so recently near Liverpool in her 87th year. She was Mary Anne McKean, and for more than 40 years she was in the service of the Gladstone family.

—The points of the compass can be obtained from trees by the following simple observations: The side of a tree on which most moss is found is the north. If the tree is in the open, the north and the tops of the tallest limbs will be on the south side.

—The passage through the Suez Canal grows shorter every year. According to the annual report the average duration is 12 hours 31 minutes, some 35 minutes less than 32 months ago. This improvement is due to the fact that the canal is being widened to continue their voyage at night.

—Bellefonte physicians are reported to be puzzled over a barometrical sort of womanly of that place, who is of the most amiable and pleasant disposition in clear, sunny weather, but who gets ugly and morose when the clouds come.

—The Duke of Portland possesses a collection of newspapers which has no parallel outside the British Museum. These were collected by his predecessor, the fifth Duke, who caused to be filled and bound no fewer than four sets of all the chief daily and weekly newspapers, metropolitan and provincial.

—Two English women fought, made up their quarrel, and kissed. They one of the

caused the arrest of the other for assault and battery. Thereupon the claim was made that the kiss had cancelled the grievance and there could be no cause for action. The Magistrate has the question under advisement.

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**MISCELLANEOUS MERRIMENT.**

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Janet—Why should you have informed him of the fact that I was 35?

"I didn't think you would be offended,  
 Janet—But it was uncalculated for —  
 Chloë—How could I know that you were getting  
 sensitive, even about your professed age?—Smith,  
 Gray & Co.'s Monthly.  
 NOT "RATS," BUT "CATERPILLAR."  
 A time there was when "rats" would make  
 The girl climb up a pillar,  
 But nowadays it seems to be  
 The horrid "caterpillar." —  
 —Brooklyn Eagle.

"Miss Blimms is so shy a creature, don't you think?"  
 "Yes. She inherits that trait from her father."  
 "I was not aware of that."  
 "You would be if you had ever played poker with him."—*Indianapolis Journal*.

THE HAMMOCK GIRL.

The days are warm, with scents of fruit and flowers  
 The air is laden;  
 And in the hammock through the sunny hours

Now dreams the maiden.  
Sometimes she with a pout and frown awakes  
From dreams ambitious  
To grumble at the noise her mother makes  
While washing dishes,  
—New York Press.

Two old wrecks meet each other.  
"I was happy and tried to be rich," said one  
"now look at me."  
"And I," said the other, "was rich and tried to  
be happy; now look at me."

Neither had succeeded. — *Detroit Free Press.*

MODERN PRECOCITY.

At seventeen she seeks a way  
Her intellect to prove,  
She wrote a tale the other day,  
'The Universe and Love.'  
— *Washington Star.*

On Olympus.

Venus—Some one send for Dr. Esculapius  
quick!

Jupiter—Why, Venus, dear, what's the trouble?

Venus-Cupid's just got back from those southern summer resorts again and I'm afraid he's going to have brain fever.—*Chicago News*.